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Filing Date	February 26, 1999
First Named Inventor	Pan et al.
Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	A. Mai
Attorney Docket Number	2269-3027.2US (96-0684.01/US)

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other ____
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- b. ☐ Other

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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/259,145

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**For: AN INTERMEDIATE STRUCTURE
HAVING A SILICON NITRIDE
BARRIER LAYER ENCAPSULATING A
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE**

Confirmation No.: 4919

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Group Art Unit: 2814

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Title appear on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.